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IAPA Prizes Awarded to Newspapers

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SAN DIEGO, Calif., Oct. 12 —The Interamerican Press Association and its scholarship fund are both in good financial condition, officials told the General Assembly of the group today.

"We are solvent and I believe in as fine a financial position as we ever had been," Treasurer John A. Brogan, Jr., of King Features Syndicate said in prepared remarks.

Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund and its financial situation were both described as satisfactory by Harold A. Fitzgerald, of Pontiac (Mich.) Press.

Yesterday, Francisco A. Rizzuto, from Buenos Aires, president of the Awards Committee of IAPA, gave the IAPA-Mergenthaler and IAPA-Tom Wallace Prizes to the most distinguished newspapers and newspapermen of 1964. The winners were:

—"La Prensa," a daily from Managua, Nicaragua, Bronze Plaque.

—Jose Saenz Astort, from "El Pais," Montevideo, Uruguay, the award for the most meritorious public service on behalf of the community, a Scroll and \$500.

—Julio Cesar Anzueto, "Prensa Libre," Guatemala; Mergenthaler Award for news and reporting; a Scroll and \$500.

—Carmelo Filadri, "El Mundo," San Juan, Puerto Rico; Mergenthaler Award for cartoonists; a Scroll and \$500.

The IAPA-Tom Wallace Prize, which recognizes the work done by U.S. and Canadian newspapers for inter-

American understanding and friendship, was a plaque given to the Knight chain newspapers, and scrolls to each of the newspapers of the Copley and Scripps-Howard chains for the Operation "Amigo," which the committee described as "one of the most ingenious and successful programs carried out to promote friendship and understanding between the United States and Latin America."

Tom Wallace Award

The IAPA-Tom Wallace award to the individual newspaperman, most distinguished in promoting friendship and understanding in his reports about Latin America, went to Barnard L. Collier, Chief Correspondent in Latin America for The New York Herald Tribune.

Collier was awarded a scroll and \$500 for his coverage of Latin America during 1964.

The Collier award created deliberations within the IAPA board of directors which lasted one hour.

David Lindsay Jr. from Sarasota, Florida, alleged that Collier's reports about the Dominican crisis had provoked "strong criticism" in the United States, and he suggested that the award be withdrawn.

Incidents Cited

"Or at least," he added, "it should be made perfectly clear that the award was given for work done long before the incidents at the Dominican Republic."

Rizzuto replied that he could not see how the committee could withdraw the prize to Collier, since the distinction referred to stories that had nothing to do with the 1965 Dominican events.

IAPA's president, Pedro Beltran from Lima supported Rizzuto's views pointing out that "we don't want to mix what was done before with what was done afterwards." He added that the committee should adopt precautions to avoid incorrect decisions.

Pres Filadri, Carmelo
Pres Astort, Jose Saenz
Pres Anzueto, Julio Cesar